

Appl. No. 10/812,112
Examiner: NGUYEN, HOANG V, Art Unit 2821
In response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2005

Date: August 1, 2005
Attorney Docket No. 10112312

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim to foreign priority and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document. Responsive to the Office Action mailed on June 7, 2005 in the above-referenced application, Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the above-identified application in the manner identified above and that the patent be granted in view of the arguments presented. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Present Status of Application

Claims 13-15 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Flint et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,339,400). Claims 8-12 are allowed. Claims 16 and 18-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In this paper, claim 13 is amended to include the limitations of claims 15 and 16. Claims 15 and 16 are canceled. Claim 17 is amended to depend from claim 13. Thus, on entry of this amendment, claims 8-14 and 17-20 remain in the application.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and the remarks contained below.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 8-12.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 16 and 18-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 13 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 15 and 16. Applicant therefore submits that claim 13 is now in condition for allowance. Insofar as claims 14-20 depend from claim 13 either directly or indirectly, and therefore incorporate all of the limitations of claim 13, it is Applicant's belief that these claims are also in condition for allowance.

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Conclusion

The Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests so.

Respectfully submitted,



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